Farm News

Feeder Pig Sale Proposed

Recently, a letter was mailed all farmers to determine interest in an organized feeder pig sale. A survey of possible numbers that would be consigned is necessary before definite plans can be made.

It is anticipated that the first sale would be held in November and, if numbers justify, a sale would be held every two months.

Feeder pig sales offer the owner a method of orderly marketing of quality pigs. Feeder pig sales are particularly adapted to the small farmer who does not own sufficient land to run cattle.

Sales at Tappahannock and Courtland have been most successful for the past two years. R. M. Godsey, Swine Specialist, says that feeder sales are probably more profitable to the farmer during periods of low prices rather than at times of high prices.

With many farmers building concrete feeding floors east of Appomattox, the demand for quality feeder pigs should increase.

Farmers interested should give estimated number of pigs for November sale, to county agent not later than June 22nd.

Deadline Near For Seeding Sudan Grass, Pearl Millet

The deadline approaches for seeding sudan grass and pearl millet for supplemental sumer pasture in Virginia.

Agronomists at VPI say the crops should be seeded by July 1. Either should be ready for grazing for livestock during the critical summer pasture months. A third to one-half acre will usually provide enough grazing for one animal during the critical period.

For farmers who seeded sudan grass or pearl millet earlier, and who now have these crops about ready for grazing, the agronomists have these tips:

Graze rotationally. Let sudan grass reach a height of 18 inches or taller before grazing. Graze down to a height of 6 to 8 inches, then remove the animals and permit recovery to the 18-inch height before grazing again. Graze pearl millet in the same manner. However, millet can be grazed at a lower height without danger because it contains no prussic acid.

The 18-inch height is the minimum for high yields of both crops. Higher yields can be expected if sudan or millet is allowed to grow even taller before grazing. However, grazing should begin before the crop becomes too coarse and lower in digestibility — usually not over 24 to 30 inches high.

Strip grazing, or restricting the area to be grazed to that needed for 2 to 3 days grazing, will result in less waste by trampling. Both sudan grass and pearl millet are excellent for "zero grazing" — harvesting daily and hauling green chopped forage to animals. If there is more forage than is needed for grazing, harvest it for silage or hay.

Richwood

Richwood, June 16.- "Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work." -Proverb.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughters, Judy and Jane visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulette and children were in Lynchburg on business Friday.

J. A. Blazer spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs .T. T. Wooldridge and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Peachers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emmond Pugh Sunday afternoon.

A. B. Hunter, Jr., was in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A .Pugh and Mr. G .T. Marsh were: Mrs. L. H. Thurman, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Van Pugh, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Smith and daughter, Debbie, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. W .F. Woodall, Mrs. E. R. Davis and son, Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Hawkins and daughters, Joan and Belinda; Mr .H. W. Marsh, Mr. T. T. Pugh, Mr .Lewis Johnson, Mr. C. C. Harvey and Mr. and Mrs .Leonard Blackwell.

Rocks

Rocks, June 15.- Let's remember that Sunday is Father's Day.

The Training Union Intermediate Group went on a hay ride to Holiday Lake for their picnic last Thursday afternoon.

Preaching service this Sunday at 11 A. M.

Mrs. Mary Inge has returned home after spending awhile with her son, Holmsey Inge, Jr., and his family, of near Appomattox.

Mrs. Kate Dinkins, Miss Gertrude Ranson and Mrs. D. R. Inge spent a few days in Roanoke with the former's daughter, Mrs. C. E. Richardson and family last week.

The Rocks Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Rhoda Wilson on Thursday night, with very good attendance.

Charlie Goodman Ranson, of Lynchburg spent last week with Johnnie Ranson. They were busy cutting hay for several farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder took their two grandchildren back to Richmond last week, who have been spending some time with them in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harvey and twins, Ronald and Donald, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Harvey, of near Evergreen awhile on Thursday night.

Mrs. John Ranson spent Thursday with her parents ,Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of near Pamplin.

Preparation Day and a Parade for the Vacation Bible School was held last Saturday from 2 to 4 P. M. The Vacation Bible School Commencement will be held on Sunday night, June 21, at 6:30.

Vera

Vera, June. 15.- "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for what soever a man soweth that shall he also reep.' -Ephesians 6-7.

Holliday Lake is the center of attraction. So many picnics. The B. Y. P. U. of New Hope Church had a picnic there on Saturday night, and they went on a hayride, which they all really enjoyed.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey and Mrs. Eva Hayden, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson and Sylvia.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday were Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mrs. Robert Coleman, Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Jr. and Sandra Kay, T. C. III, and William, and Mr. Lewis Turner.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mrs. Willie Moses on Friday.

Miss Gail Webb visited in the home of Mrs. T. C. Harvey over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher on Saturday night.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Monday night were Mrs. Wilson Scruggs, Phillip and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette and Mrs. Bishop, of Roanoke.

Vacation Bible School is in progress at Liberty Chapel Church this week.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, June 16.- Vacation Bible School started at Liberty Chapel Baptist Church Monday, with a good attendance. The principal, Mrs. John W. Gunter, has as her teachers and helpers for the week, the Rev. and Mrs .S. A. Dean, Mrs. Percy Garrette, Mrs. Kate Gunter, Mrs. Cleo Coleman, Mrs. Paul Thornhill, Mrs. L. C. Reynolds, Mrs. Dorothy Harris, and Mrs. John Crofton.

Miss Virginia Coleman is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter, and attending Vacation Bible School. Other guests in this home Tuesday were Misses Harriett Harvey, Dale Reynolds, Nancy Scruggs, Delores Reynolds, Marylyn Martin, Brenda Coleman, and Lois Moore.

Mrs. Bernice Bishop, of Roanoke is a guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette. Visiting in this home Sunday were Miss Alice Gunter, of Richmond, Mrs. Kate Gunter and Miss Josephine Gunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill visited Mrs. Lillie Garbee, of Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson and son, of Lovingston were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter.

Miss Alice Gunter, of Richmond spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Kate Gunter.

Miss Barbara Ragland visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Harris.

Joe Megginson and Doc Harris made a business trip to New Jersey last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill, W. W. Thornhill, Mrs. Mildred Mann, and Miss Faye Thornhill visited Mrs. Minnie Pettie at the Ranson Rest Home recently.

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Life Story of Appomattox County's Famed Thomas S. Bocock

By Calvin Robinson

I have long felt that Mr. Thomas S. Bocock was perhaps the most outstanding man ever produced in Appomattox County. But for some unexplained in the plurality of information this tremendous American. I have been forced to accept statements against the belief that there was no Appomattox County when he was born, May 18, 1811. There was no Appomattox County in the era of the Louisiana Purchase, nor when Francis Cary Gaveney was born in 1841. If we must look our history of Appomattox is a young one, whatever happened before the county and Appomattox came into being, happened here under another name.

The local story has always bothered me. I had the feeling that the story was there, but the facts was thwarted by my friend, the late Douglas Southall Freeman, in his overwhelming historical work, and he confessed to me about him. The "break" came my way in a northern Virginia Legislature, and when the new county of Appomattox was formed in 1845, he became the first Clerk of the Court.

John Thomas Bocock's wife was Mary Flood. John Thomas Bocock and Mary Flood Bocock had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters.

The first son was Willis P. Bocock, and he went on to become Attorney - General of Virginia.

Another son, Nicholas, was renowned as a brilliant lawyer. Another, Henry Flood Bocock, was a lawyer and resided in Lynchburg. And John Holmes Bocock was esteemed as an eloquent Presbyterian minister. Charles Bocock won medical distinction, but died at an early age.

But it remained for the highest honors accorded this fine family to come to Thomas Salem Bocock.

Thomas Salem Bocock was born May 18, 1815, in what is now Appomattox County. At an early age he studied the law under his brother, Willis, and entered Hampden-Sydney College in 1837, winning his B. A. degree in only two years. His brilliance put him in line for the highest honors, and when only 27, he was named to represent Buckingham County in the Virginia House of Delegates, serving the 1842-44 term. When Appomattox County was formed in 1845, he was instrumental in setting up the necessary legislation, and became the Commonwealth's Attorney of the new county.

In 1847, he was chosen to represent his district in Washington as Congressman. He was only 32, and he served for seven consecutive terms until the Southerners withdrew in 1861. He became chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, and served as such for ten years.

His speeches on the great issues of the pre-war years revealed rare ability. His legal mind, calm reasoning, absolute courtesy and mastery of the subject promoted him to top ranks in legislative circles in Washington. He was an old line Union Democrat and for States Rights all the way. On January 8, 1858, in describing an action of the Supreme Court, he said that it was a "political opinion disregarding the rights of States and the rights of men.. its reckless partisanship and eager malice form the saddest chapter in modern jurisprudence." One of his most famous speeches was on "Slavery in the Territories."

When Congress convened December 8, 1859, the election of a Speaker brought forth Thomas Salem Bocock, of Appomattox, as the Democratic candidate. He was nominated by William Houstoun, of Georgia. Franklin Corwin, of Illinois, nominated John Sherman, of Ohio. Also nominated were John G. Davis, of Indiana; Galusha Grow, of Pennsylvania, and Alexander Boteler, of Virginia (now West Virginia.)

The balloting began, and no candidate for Speaker commanded the necessary votes. After the eighth ballot, Mr. Bocock withdrew his name. On January 31, 1860, Mr Sherman withdrew his name, and Mr. William Pennington, of New Jersey was elected Speaker. Bocock had eighty-six votes on the first ballot, twenty more than Sherman, but not a majority. Pennington was elected Speaker on the forty-fourth ballot.

Bocock was a personal friend of President Buchanan. He made many speeches to preserve the Union and avert the impending disaster of war. But when Virginia withdrew from the Union, he joined Robert E. Lee and other leaders of the time in returning to their respective states. Virginia sent him as Representative to the Confederate Provisional Congress, and on February 18, 1862, when a permanent organization of that body was conducted, he was elected its Speaker, and he so served throughout the War.

It should be mentioned that Bocock arranged the appointment of J. E. B. Stuart to West Point in the pre-War years and later became an ardent admirer of the gallant Confederate cavalry leader.

After the War he settled in Lynchburg, as an attorney. He represented several railroad companies, and was a leader in restoring his alma mater, 'Hampden-Sydney College, to financial prestige. In 1869, he was named to the Virginia Legislature. In the disaster of April 17, 1870, when the floor of the House of Delegates collapsed, he sustained a fractured leg and had a resulting permanent lameness. In 1873, it was urged that he offer for th. U. S. Senate, but he declined. However, he was a top leader of the Democratic Party, and helped nominate Tilden in St. Louis in 1876, and Hancock at Cincinnati in 1880.

Finally, in 1880, Thomas S . Bocock retired to his farm at "Wildway," Appomattox County.

He was a tremendous man, by every standard. He was six feet tall, noble in appearance and of engaging personality. His first wife was Sarah Flood, daughter of Senator Thomas Flood. His second wife was Anne Holmes Faulkner, daughter of Charles J. Faulkner, U. S. Minister to France.

He died August 5, 1891, and was buried in the Bocock family cemetery at his beloved "Wildway."

In conclusion, it might be well to quote a typical example of the eloquence of this great son of Appomattox. Knowing that the trend was to withdrawal of the South from the Union and that war was impending, he spoke out against the proposed Force Bill in the Federal Congress. Listen to these immortal words, sounding out loud and boldly from Old Appomattox:

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(Note: The Provisional Confederate Government was organized at Montgomery, Alabama, and Howell Cobb was elected Provisional Speaker. When permanent organization was conducted, Feb. 18, 1862, in Richmond, Bocock was nominated by Mr. Foote, of Tennessee, and his election was unanimous.)

(Note: The Bibliographical Directory of The American Congress lists Mr. Bocock's middle name as "Stanhope," whereas other sources available to this writer list the middle name as "Salem.")

(Note: We are indebted to the sources mentioned for the information cited in this article.)

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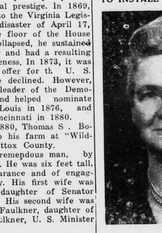

. . . . Mrs. S .W. West

Mrs. S. W .West, Past President of the Virginia Division, and member of the Kirkwood-Otey Chapter, Lynchburg, will install the officers at a meeting of the Appomattox Chapter, U. D .C. this Friday night at the home of Mrs. A. J. Zastrow, Spout Spring. Mrs. H. G. Johnson will be installed as the new chapter president.

NEW POSTAGE PANELS

The new panels prepared by the Post Office Department showing the "Birth of a Stamp" are proving so popular that the Department's Philatelic Exhibition Room is hard pressed to keep its minimum needs of twelve on display, according to Postmaster General Arthur E .Summerfield.

They have been widely acclaimed internationally, and have been shown in Canada, Germany, Belgium, and Austria thus far. Requests have been received for further showings in the Philippines, Spain, Poland, Italy, and Geanrany.

In addition, new panels devoted to a particular stamp have been requested for showing in conjunction with first-day sales at the city of issuance. This has required a change of policy since the initial intent was to set them up in the Philatelic Exhibition Room in Washington, D .C.

There are, to date, over one hundred of these panels, each measuring 36 by 48 inches, arranged vertically, to fit standard-size exhibit frames. As examples, there are three panels for each of the "Champion of Liberty" issues: Magsaysay, Bolivar, Kossuth, and San Martin.

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Study proposes 9 reforms in political system.

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Oakville	6	0
Appomattox Garment Co.	4	3
Pen Lane	3	2
Guills	3	3
Jaycees	1	5
Stonewall	1	5

GAME RESULTS

Thursday night, June 11: Guill's Esso 26, Jaycees, 5; Pen Lane, 8, Appomattox Garment Co. 5.

Friday night, June 12.- Guill's Esso 17, Stonewall, 2; Oakville, 28; Jaycees, 6.

Monday night, June 15.- Oakville, 5, Guill's Esso, 2.

Tuesday night, June 16.- Guill's Esso, 21; Appomattox Garment Co., 3.

SCHEDULE

June 18: Stonewall vs Jaycees

Guill's vs Oakville

June 19: Pen Lane vs Stonewall

Jaycees vs Garment Co.

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